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**ELECTION OF SPEAKER.**

The Honorable Secretary then announced that the next business in order is the election of a Speaker.

Mr. Rowell offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Representatives that in the election of a Speaker the roll of the House shall be called in alphabetical order, and that each member when his name is called shall rise and announce for whom he casts his vote for Speaker.

Resolved, further, That the one voted for for Speaker who receives a majority of votes of the duly elected and qualified members, shall be declared elected as Speaker of said House.

The resolution was read second time.

Question—Shall the resolution be adopted?

Mr. Haney offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend the resolution by striking out the last paragraph and substituting the following:

"Resolved further that the candidate for Speaker who receives a majority of all votes cast shall be declared elected Speaker of the House."

Mr. Rowell accepted the amendment.

Question recurring on the resolution, yeas and nays were demanded.

The resolution was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—61.

Baker of Hood.	Metcalf.
Beard of Milam.	Middleton.
Blackmon.	Nabours.
Bolin.	Payne.
Boner.	Reeves.
Bryant.	Rich.
Burton of Rusk.	Rogers.
Calhoun.	Rowell.
Carter.	Russell.
Clark.	Sackett.
Cope.	Savage of Shelby.
Crudgington.	Smith.
Cunningham.	Spencer.
Davis.	Stanford.
Decherd.	Stephens.
Dickson of Lamar.	Stewart.
Dove.	Sullivan.
Ellis.	Templeton.
Fuller.	Thompson.
Furrh.	Tiller.
Griggs.	Tilson.
Grindstaff.	Upchurch.
Haney.	Vannoy.
Hopkins.	Veatch.
Jones.	Wagstaff.
Laney.	Walters.
Lewelling.	Watson.
Maddox.	Woods of Fisher.
McAskill.	Woods of Navarro.
Magee.	Wynn.
Meador.	

Nays—78.

Bagby.	Butler.
Bates.	Byrne.
Baker of Scurry.	Caldwell.
Beard of Harris.	Campbell.
Beason.	Cowan.
Bell.	Dayton.
Bierschwale.	Dixon of Harris.
Biggers.	Dunn.
Blackburn.	Eylar.
Blalock.	Florer.
Bland.	Fly.
Bruce.	Fry.
Bryan.	Gainer.
Burges.	Gates.
Burmeister.	Greenwood.
Burton of Tarrant.	Harris.

Hartman.	Pearson.
Haxthausen.	Powell.
Hill.	Rector.
Holland.	Roach.
Jordan.	Savage of Bell.
Keith.	Scholl.
Laas.	Schwegman.
Haney.	Spradley.
Lane.	Strayhorn.
Lanier.	Taylor.
Loudermilk.	Tharp.
Low.	Tillotson.
McCrary.	Tinner.
McDowell.	Valentine.
McFarland.	Wahrmond.
McKnight.	Weber.
McMillin.	Williams
Mendell.	of Hopkins.
Miller.	Williams
Murray.	of McLennan.
Neeley.	Williams
Nichols.	of Victoria.
Nordhaus.	Williford.
Parker.	Witt.
Parks.	Wortham.

Absent.

Flournoy.

Mr. Mendell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Reading Clerk call the roll, and as each member's name is called he walk to the Reading Clerk's desk and place his ballot, for Speaker, in a hat.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

The Honorable Secretary announced that nominations for Speaker were now in order.

Hon. W. L. Hill, of Walker county, nominated Hon. Newt B. Williams, of McLennan county.

Hon. D. A. McAskill, of Bexar county, nominated Hon. H. B. Savage, of Bell county.

Hon. R. H. Jones, of Bowie county, nominated Hon. John W. Woods, of Fisher county.

Hon. James A. Florer, of Dallas county, seconded the nomination of Hon. Newt B. Williams.

Hon. Roger Byrne, of Bastrop county, seconded the nomination of Hon. H. B. Savage.

Hon. T. D. Rowell, of Marion county, seconded the nomination of Hon. John W. Woods.

Hon. Albert S. J. Eylar, of El Paso county, seconded the nomination of Hon. Newt B. Williams.

Hon. W. R. Butler, of Bell county, seconded the nomination of Hon. H. B. Savage.

Hon. Bruce W. Bryant, of Haskell

county, seconded the nomination of Hon. John W. Woods.

Hon. Frank H. Burmeister, of McMullen county, seconded the nomination of Hon. H. B. Savage.

Hon. C. B. Metcalfe, of Tom Green county, seconded the nomination of Hon. John W. Woods.

The Honorable Secretary declared nominations closed.

The Honorable Secretary then directed the Clerk to call the roll and requested each member as his name was called to come forward and deposit his ballot.

The Honorable Secretary then appointed the following tellers: Messrs. Mendell, McCrory, Lane, Byrne, Parks, Burmeister, Blalock, Carter and Sullivan.

The ballots, being counted by the tellers, resulted as follows:

Hon. John W. Woods received 72 votes.

Hon. Newt B. Williams received 57 votes.

Hon. H. B. Savage received 10 votes.

Hon. Newt B. Williams moved that the election of Hon. John W. Woods be made unanimous.

The motion, being seconded by Hon. H. B. Savage, prevailed.

The Honorable Secretary then declared Hon. John W. Woods, of Fisher county, duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-fourth Legislature and appointed the following committee to escort the Speaker-elect to the Speaker's stand: Messrs. Rowell, Griggs, and Jones.

The committee having performed their duty, the Honorable Secretary of State then administered the oath of the office to the Speaker-elect and presented him to the House.

Mr. Woods then addressed the House, thanking the members for the honor conferred upon him.